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RE: Your Ref. No.: 15-96
Our Ref. No.: 14225.15USWO
U.S. PCT Patent Application Serial No. 10/518,151 for: DIE CASTING HAVING
HIGH TOUGHNESS

Dear Mr. Ochiai:

Thank you for your letter of August 22, 2006 and enclosed prior art references. In accordance with your instructions, we have prepared and filed an appropriate Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the IDS is enclosed by FedEx, along with our debit note.

Please note that the duty of disclosure continues throughout the pendency of the application. If you become aware of further relevant prior art, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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